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Structure La Bahia Presidio Chapel (TEX-387)

2 miles S. on U.S. 183. National Historic Site. Museum. Stone, barrel-vaulted with octagonal window openings, a square belfry rises above the baptistry at the left of the arched entrance. Although the chapel has remained standing through nearly two centuries, the surrounding fort was reconstructed in the 1960s. Presidio Nuestra Señora de Loreto de la Bahia was established at its present site in 1749 as a military post to protect the (over)

Franciscan mission of Espiritu Santo de Zúñiga established at the same time on the opposite side of the San Antonio River. The stone chapel and other stone buildings were built after 1765. In March 1836 Col. James Fannin, defeated in the battle of Coleto, was shot, with more than 300 of his men, after a week's imprisonment in the chapel. Their massacre made "Remember Godiá" a rallying cry of the Texas Revolution. 5 ext. photos (1936); 1 data page (1936). NR Card prepared July 1975.
